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**Sent:** 7/22/2020 4:29:15 PM  
**To:** Barnhart, Megan [Barnhart.Megan@epa.gov]; Chemerys, Ruth [Chemerys.Ruth@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Retained waters next steps

Yes, please include others like Lauren, Whitney and Dolores as we all deal with states and tribes assuming the program. Thanks!

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**From:** Barnhart, Megan <barnhart.megan@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 22, 2020 12:03 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Retained waters next steps

I was waiting for responses to those questions, but I can start back on the draft now. I had several other priorities yesterday and this morning.

I am giving a presentation on the tribal data in NEPAassist to OLEM at the end of this month. Would this be something that you, Kathy, and Mike would like to listen in on to better understand the NEPAassist tool and those data layers/ how the tool analyzes environmental data?

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**Subject:** FW: Retained waters next steps

Hi Megan-

I'm checking in to see if you are now able to get back to the retained waters reg and preamble. Thanks again for your quick work on the ESA FRN comment summaries

Here are some thoughts from Kathy on your previous questions on the retained waters drafts. Let me know if it would be helpful to have a short call with Kathy to discuss, as she would be better able to explain than I can.

Ruth

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**Subject:** RE: Adjacent Wetlands draft reg text.

Draft Deliberative

Good morning,

Once I get the ESA comment summaries, I will switch to revising the Retained Waters Reg text. Following up on the discussion yesterday, I have a few questions below in red on how to best address the comments we received from Mindy.

## **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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**Subject:** RE: Adjacent Wetlands draft reg text

Thanks Mindy. We'll review and let you know if we need to discuss.

Ruth

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**Subject:** RE: Adjacent Wetlands draft reg text

Hi,  
I just finished reviewing these sections, including some questions on the reg text of adjacent wetlands. Please let me know if you would like to discuss.

Thanks!  
Mindy

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Apologies, I'm adding for your review the draft regulatory text that on adjacent wetlands I neglected to include in the previous email.

Ruth

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**Subject:** Retained Waters and Adjacent Wetlands 404(g) rule drafts for Mindy's and Carrie's review

Mindy and Carrie-

Here are the drafts of the two items above. They've been discussed with the workgroup and comments addressed. Thanks to Megan and Dolores for their work on these.

If possible, please review and provide any comments by next Tuesday, July 14.

Thanks!

Ruth

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